Military Aircraft involved in Accidents

1544. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Military aircraft involved in accidents in the last six months;

(b) what were the types of those aircrafts; and

(c) whether two Jaguars collided in mid-air in July, 1990; if so, what was the reasons for the crash?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) It is not in the security interest to disclose such information.

(c) Yes, Sir. A Court of Inquiry has been instituted to investigate into the crash.

Disparity in the pay of Short Service Commissioned Technical Officers

1545. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the short service commissioned officers of Technical Branch are not being granted Technical pay at par with the regular commissioned officers, of Technical Branch in spite of having identical technical qualifications and performing identical work like the regular technical commissioned officers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such a discrimination against short service commissioned (Technical) Officers of the army deprives them of their due perks;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remove this lisparity;

(e) whether Government would inquire into this aspect and provide all attendant benefits and perks to Technical Short Service Commissioned Officers, equal to their regular counterparts; and

(f) if so, by when in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) Short Service Commission is granted for a period of five years, at the end of which period, Short Service Commissioned Officers are considered, on individual merits, for, (a) grant of permanent commission of (b) further extension of Short Service Commission for a period of five years. As per extant orders, Short Service Commissioned Officers of Technical Branch in the Army are not eligible for the grant of technical pay. The objective of technical pay for technically qualified Regular Commissioned Officers is to provide incentive for acquiring higher qualifications, which would be of use to the Service as such officers will serve till their retirement. When the Short Service Commissioned Officers are granted Permanent Commission, they become eligible for grant of technical pay.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

राष्ट्रीय स्मारकों का संरक्षण

1546. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में विशेष रूप से मध्य प्रदेश, उत्तर प्रदेश, राजस्थान और बिहार में ऐतिहासिक महत्व के अनेक स्मारको को पुरातत्व विभाग ने संरक्षित घोषित कर दिया है. किन्तु वास्तव में उनका संरक्षण कारगर ढग से नहीं किया जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे राष्ट्रीय स्मारकों की सुरक्षा के लिये क्या उपक्रमण किए जा रहे हैं ?

मानव ससाधन विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिमन भाई मेहता) : (क) और (ख) बिहार, मध्य प्रदेश, राजस्थान और उत्तर प्रदेश राज्यों में